## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

## CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: ETHICON INC.

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEMS

PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2327

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Wave 3 Cases Identified in Exhibit A attached hereto

ORDER ADOPTING
MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER
(Daubert ruling re: Larry T. Sirls, II, M.D.)

On September 19, 2016, the plaintiffs filed a Notice of Adoption of Prior *Daubert* Motion of Larry T. Sirls, II, M.D. for Wave 3. [ECF No. 2804]. The court **ORDERS** that the Memorandum Opinion and Order (*Daubert* Motion re: Larry T. Sirls, M.D.) [ECF No. 3549] ("Prior Order") entered on March 29, 2017, as to the Ethicon Wave 2 cases is **ADOPTED** in the Wave 3 cases identified in Exhibit A.<sup>1</sup> The Prior Order is attached hereto as Exhibit B.<sup>2</sup>

Importantly, the court notes that the expert opinions proffered in Wave 1 are in almost every respect identical to those proffered here. The court has found, however, that with each entered Order, the experts in these cases attempt to bolster or fine-tune the support for their opinions, but the opinions themselves do not change. Accordingly,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On Exhibit A, I have marked through cases that are closed, on the inactive docket, not in Wave 3, could not be identified because of an error in the style or case number, or assigned to another District Judge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I have attached as Exhibit C, an index identifying the pleadings, including motions, memoranda, exhibits, responses, replies and Memorandum Opinions and Orders filed in the main MDL 2327 related to this expert.

the court will refrain from engaging in the extremely inefficient practice of continuously

reexamining the qualifications, reliability, and relevance of dozens of experts and their

numerous opinions. While the parties continue to challenge even the slightest alteration

to the underlying support for an expert's opinion, the court's review of the parties'

arguments reveals that these refreshed Daubert challenges are different from previous

arguments by only the very slightest of degrees. The court FINDS that to the extent

that the parties raise arguments not previously addressed by the court's Prior Order,

the trial judge may easily resolve these issues at trial without the need for further

briefing or an evidentiary hearing. Accordingly, the court **ORDERS** that to the extent

that the parties raise Daubert challenges not previously addressed in the court's Prior

Order—fully adopted herein—those challenges are **RESERVED** for trial.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this Order Adopting Memorandum

Opinion and Order in 2:12-md-2327 and in the Ethicon Wave 3 cases identified in the

Exhibit attached hereto.

ENTER:

July 21, 2017

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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